

US Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District

## **Public Notice**

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Please address all comments and inquiries to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District ATTN: Mr. George DeLancey, CELRL-OP-FS P.O. Box 489

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This notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) Permit, subject to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899

APPLICANT: Sycamore Square Homeowner's Association, Inc.

999 West First Street

Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

LOCATION: The proposed project is located on the left bank

of the Ohio River at Mile 756.9 adjacent to the Sycamore Square sub-division in Owensboro, Daviess

County, Kentucky.

Latitude: 37-46-35.5946 Longitude: 87-07-05.6218 7.5 Minute Quad: Owensboro East, KY

PURPOSE: The proposed private boat dock and walkway would be

used to moor personal boats and to provide access to the Ohio River for the residents of Sycamore Square.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to construct a private boat dock consisting of a series of 6-foot wide by 20-foot long dock sections attached to a 20-foot x 40-foot barge. The maximum length of the dock structure would be 200 feet. The barge would be anchored to two steel piling spuds. The flotating dock would be constructed of metal frames and wooden lattices with polyethlene floatation. The dock would be accessed from the Sycamore Square subdivision by a series of wooden steps descending down the river bank. The wooden steps would lead to a 6-foot wide by 100-foot long landing ramp that would access the boat dock. The maximum riverward projection at normal pool (358 feet Ohio River Datum) of the facility, including boats docked, would be 50 feet.

REVIEW PROCEDURES: A DA Permit cannot be issued if any legally required Federal, State, or local authorization or certification is denied.

Copies of this notice are sent to the appropriate Federal and State Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Their views and comments are solicited in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1956. Based on available information, the proposed activity will not destroy or endanger any Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act, and therefore, initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

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Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. A request for a public hearing must state the specific interest that might be damaged by issuance of the DA Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been examined, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the Register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetic values, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the public.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Written statements received in this office on or before the closing date will become a part of the official record and will be considered in the determination on this permit request. Any objections that are received during this period will be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

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Information pertaining to this application is available for public examination during normal business hours upon prior request. All comments regarding this proposal should be addressed to Mr. George Delancey, CEORL-OP-FS at the address noted above and should refer to the Public Notice Number 200301610.